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MEMORANDUM FOR: TALENT Control Officer, CIA

SUBJECT : Photo Coverage of Nevada Proving Ground

REFERENCE : ARC-M-69

1. As noted in Paragraph 6 of Reference, this Office has, for the past few weeks, been collaborating with the Atomic Energy Commission in securing permission for AQUATONE coverage of the Nevada Proving Ground. I am informed by Dr. Charles Reichardt that Brigadier General A. D. Starbird, Director, Military Applications Division, has granted permission for this activity.

2. You will recall that the consultants used by JAEIC in studying the Semipalatinsk TALENT material recommended coverage of the Nevada Proving Ground for purposes of comparison. Recalling that the Semipalatinsk material was derived from A-2 configuration, it is deemed advisable also to cover the Nevada Proving Ground with the same camera. In order to further establish similarity, coverage of the proving ground should be effected at a time when it will be devoid of snow coverage. Also, the same altitude should be used in coverage of the Nevada Proving Ground as was in effect at the time of covering Semipalatinsk (). 25X1C

3. Attached is an overlay showing in rectangular form that portion of the proving ground desired to be covered. It is also requested that the Camp Desert Rock installation, the Indian Springs Air Force Base, and Camp Mercury be included in this coverage.

4. Dr. Reichardt advised that, should AQUATONE test personnel have any problems in negotiating this matter at the Nevada site, a telephone call either to him or to General Starbird is invited.

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